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SUBJ: CALL FOR PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH MALTA FOR PERIOD 1 OCT 73 TO 1 APR 74

REF: A. USNATO 378, 23 JAN 73
B. USNATO 797, 13 FEB 73

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED 23 MAY 1973, FILE 5400.2/15-7, FROM SHAPE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER:

QTE REF: C- M(72)18 (REVISED) DATED 12 OCT 72.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH MALTA, THE SUMS DUE BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCT 73 TO 1 APR 74 ARE TO BE PAID TO SHAPE BY 1 AUG 73.

2. THE SHARE PAYABLE BY THE UNITED SATES OF AMERICA FOR THE ABOVE PERIOD IS POUNDS STERLING 1,836,333.33 AND YOU ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN THE SAID CURRENCY TO WILLIAMS AND GLYN' S BANK LTD., HOLTS BRANCH, KIRKLAND HOUSE, WHITEHALL, LONDON, SW1., FOR THE CREDIT OF SHAPE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT. PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT THE LATEST

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PRIOR TO 1 AUG 73 UNQTE.

2. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT REQUEST IS FOR NORMAL PAYMENT UNDER THE UK- MALTA AGREEMENT. PERIOD COVERED GOES BEYOND 31 DEC 73, DATE THROUGH WHICH SPECIAL PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED. PAY-MENT OF THIS NORMAL CONTRIBUTION MAY TRIGGER MINTOFF QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SPECIAL PAYMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE THROUGH 1 APR 1974.

3. MISSION RECALLS THAT, WHEREAS SHAPE LETTER REQUIRES PAYMENT BY 1 AUG 73, SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH SHAPE CONTROLLER ONLY REQUIRES NOTIFICATION FROM US BY THAT DATE THAT ACTUAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE 1 SEP 73 WHEN SHAPE MUST TRANSFER FUNDS TO UK. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER EARLY PAYMENT TO SHAPE IF EXCANGE RATES ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO DECLINE. TODAY' S RATE OF ABOUT $2.55/ POUND STERLING ALREADY INDICATES THAT OUR SPECIAL PAYMENT FOR 1 OCT 73 TO 31 DEC 73 WILL BE IN OR BELOW THE $30-40,000 RANGE.

4. FOR EMBASSY PARIS. THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT AN AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT TO SHAPE OF THE US CONTRIBUTION. RUMSFELD

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